

Office of LABAN HEATH & CO.,

PUBLISHERS OF THE

U. S. GOVERNMENT BOND,

Treasury and National Bank Note Detectors,

AND MANUFACTURERS OF

HEATH'S PATENT MICRO-TELESCOPIC GLASS.

30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, May 25. 1871

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Washington
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Dartmouth Mass June 15th 1874

A.C. Jewell Esq
Chief of Bureau
Eng & Mining

Dear Sir

after
considering the matter, in
regard to transportation of
the plates, I think the
safest way, the best, therefore
when ready you will please
send them by Express. if I
had them sent by freight, the
carriage &c would amount
in all, to about the same
rate as Expressage.

Very Resp Yours
Laban Heath
30 Haverhill St

Boston Jan'y 22nd 1877

H. C. Jewell
Chief of Bureau
Engraving & Printing
Treas. Dept.
Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir

Yours of
19 Inst. recd. We have received
5 Cases of Impressions for Bank-
ing House Ed. and 4 Cases of Imp-
ressions for Pocket Ed. the 9 Cases
together with what was forwarded
for the first lot, is the full am-
ount ordered. we have opened but
3 of the cases, and they were in
good order.

Very Resp^{ly} Yours

Chas. H. East & Co

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30 Sturges St

Boston, Dec 17th 1877
 A. G. Jewell Esq
 Chief of Bureau
 Engraving & Printing
 Treas Dept. Wash D.C.

Dear Sir

Just
 as soon as a sufficient
 number of impressions are
 completed to make 200
 Books of each size. I
 would like to have them
 shipped me by express.
 The residue I shall
 have sent as freight.
 If they are not ready
 will you please inform
 me when I may expect
 them. My Agents are
 very anxiously for

the completion of
the work and I
am as anxious to
get them sent
Very Resp Yours
Edmund Heath
3rd Hanover St

Boston Mass

April 21st 1877

A. C. Jewell Esq
Chief of Bureau
Engraving & Printing
Interior Dept. Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir

The
impressions arrived in
good order. am very
much pleased with
them. very grateful for
the promptness displayed
in sending them. we shall
get the Books ready in
a very short time -
printing the residue will be
in a good condition. I am

Sir Very Resp Yours

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30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, December 6th. 1877

Mr Edward M. Pherson
Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Washington, D. C.

Sir; Please favor us by forwarding the bill for Impressions, you have on hand, for Heath's Counterfeit Detector, with instructions where to pay the bill; we need them to complete the work for the binder. They complete an order a portion of which was received last April, and consist of Backs of National Bank Notes; they correspond with fronts we have on hand.

Very Respectfully
Laban Heath & Co

see file for enclosure

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Boston, December 15th 1877

Mr. Edward M. Pherson

Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Treasury Department, Washington
D.C.

Sir:

Yours of the 12th. inst. with bill enclosed for one thousand & eight dollars (\$1008.-) for Labor & Expenses of engraving & printing, was duly received and contents noted, & in reply have to say we have paid amount as directed & herewith enclose "~~Duplicate~~" certificate of deposit" as per your instructions; and you may please forward the Impressions to our address per Adams Express.

We are surprised that the expense is greater than the understanding with Mr. Jewell, your predecessor, and being very much in need of the Impressions, send, & pay into the Sub Treasury the amount you name, believing that in some future order you will be able to give us additional Impressions to balance this overcharge.

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Very Respectfully,
Ladon Heath & Co.
Per B.

misc order
no 308
1088
JmH

18-145
17th Decr 77.

General:

I have your letter of the 15th enclosing the certificate of the Sub-Treasurer of the United States at Boston for \$1008.00

There is nothing on record in the Department showing any understanding with Mr. Jewell as to the charge for these impressions, and the bill was made up on the basis of what it cost the Bureau to produce them. I had all the correspondence carefully examined before writing to you with a view to ascertain the exact position of the affair.

The impressions paid for will be forwarded, as you request, to your address by Adams Express.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD MERRILL
Chief of Bureau

Messrs. Laban Heath & Co.,
1430 Beacon St.,
Boston

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May 18th, 1880.

Mr. John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

My attention has recently been called to a number of impressions printed upon ordinary plate paper evidently made from counterfeit plates furnished by the Secret Service Division. I have caused a careful schedule of the same to be made, a copy of which I enclose herewith. The packages are marked with the date of April 29, 1870, and from the best information I can obtain, these impressions were made in pursuance of an arrangement with the firm of Laban Heath and Company, of Boston, Mass. by the officers of the Department some time prior to that date. All these impressions (appear)

1000

appear to be spoiled sheets remaining on hand
after the completion of these orders. There are also 2082
blank sheets of paper which were evidently intended
to be used in making impressions for them.

I have the honor to suggest that I be permitted
to deliver these impressions to the Loan and Currency
Division of your office, for destruction.

Very respectfully,

J. H. Bush
Chief of Bureau.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1880.

Wm. E. Smith
Hon. A. H. Irish
Chief Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, stating that you have on hand certain impressions of counterfeit U. S. Notes and National Bank Currency which were printed upon plate paper, for Messrs. Laban Heath & Company, from captured plates furnished by the Secret Service Division; also two thousand and Eighty two (2082) sheets of plate paper not printed upon, and recommending that the same be delivered to this office for destruction, has been received.

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In reply, you are hereby authorized and directed to deliver, for destruction, to the Loan and Currency Division of this office, the impressions and blank paper referred to. When the same shall have been destroyed, a duplicate of the certificate of destruction will be furnished your office.

Very respectfully.

A. M. Upton

Assistant Secretary.

Washington, M.C. Dec. 2nd, 1845.

Hon. Benjamin T. Pilsbury,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Chas. Sum.

Having learned that an order was issued for the destruction of certain papers and bills used in illustrating the counterfeited notes published by Laban Heath in Boston, Mass. I would respectfully ask that the execution of the order be delayed until Heath has an opportunity to present reasons to the Department why these papers and bills should not be destroyed.

I will briefly state my interest in this matter: In 1842 or '3, a young man by the name of Laban Heath, was a native of my parental town, & called upon me requesting that I should guarantee to the Department payment of a sum of \$100 and illustration of the Secretary of the Treasury, and of some other authority to prevent any other use of his work entitled "Heath's Counterfeit Detector".

Accordingly, when he was named as a witness and accused, Mr. Heath was named in a bill introduced by Mr. [unclear] in the Department as requested. The bill was then introduced in the House of Representatives and several times

and met with a rapid and ready sale. Encouraged by the Chief and other officers of the Secret Service Bureau of the Treasury who prized his work highly, Mr Heath conceived the idea of publishing a history of all the bonds issued by the Government with illustrations from duplicate of the original plate which duplicate were to be segmentally mutilated to prevent any counterfeiters from receiving any benefit by transfer or otherwise.

After much importuning, I assented to prepare the letter press; in fact, I really called and prepared the whole work for the press. Before the bond detector was published and just as Secretary McCullough was retiring, I was called upon very much to my surprise by Mr Hobbs, the Financial Clerk to pay a very large sum of money for duplicate plates and for printing some six thousand pounds of paper which was to be used in illustrating the bond detector. These illustrations had been shipped to Boston without examination, but upon seeing them were perfect. I paid at different times to the M. F. and the Bank Note Companies who held the Bureau plates some \$15000, in pursuance of my original contract. When the illustrations which were printed at the Treasury Dept, when their Letter Press, were opened at Boston and sent to the binders they were found to be nearly all unimpaired and unfit for use. The result was that the work could not be issued, and the letter press together with a very valuable lot of coin plates which had been prepared

for the work was also rendered worthless. His facts were represented to the Treasury Dept. and preparations were made to reproduce these illustrations in a perfect manner but before the work was accomplished Congress passed a bill prohibiting the Printing Bureau from performing work for private parties. This provision was put upon the Appropriation Bill to correct certain abuses which it was said had grown up, such as cutting the heads of distinguished men, printing elaborate cards of invitation &c. for officials.

Of course, this legislation bankrupted McHearsh as he had expended some \$3,000. upon the hand-colored plates for the Museum and had been compelled to pay for them. He thereupon made an assignment to me of all the plates, dies and other material, and I have been seeking, with the aid and assistance of Mr. Heath, for the past year or so, to secure some redress from the Treasury Dept. or secure a commission from Congress to have these illustrations reproduced. A committee appointed by Secretary Richardson visited Baltimore, examined the plates and reported unanimously that no aid could be given but as the Secretary did not see any way to give relief except through legislation the matter still rests. Now, as these plates are destroyed it will be impossible to have these illustrations reproduced, and the Treasury is anxious to see some action taken at least to give some relief. That we have relief for the injury done us or our

the use of the plates for which we have
paid the Department a large sum of money
although as yet we have received no benefit
or remuneration for the outlay of \$30,000 which we
have made.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt,
N. G. Ordway

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ALL RECEIVED NOV 3 '875

Mark n DL

Nov 17, 1875

N. G. Ordway

Requests that the execution
of the order for destruction
of certain plates & dies,
be delayed -

Respectfully referred to
the Chief of the Bureau of
Engraving & Printing

W. B. Conant

Seal of the Treasury
Nov 11, 1875

Ass't Sec'y

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12th November 1820.

Gen. A. C. Ordway
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2d instant I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to state that the plates and die used in illustrating the counterfeit detectors published by Lapham, Heath & Co. at Canton are brought from the bank-note companies to this Bureau for safe-keeping.

I regret to say that the American Bank Note Company, without instructions from this Department, canceled the plates, die, or used by them in this work.

Very respectfully, &c,

Geo. W. Burt

Chief of Bureau

1820

14th August 76.

W.H.A.
Mr. Henry O. Jewell,
Chief of Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Sir

You are hereby authorized and directed to prepare from the original dies now in your possession such plates as may be necessary to print specimens of United States and national bank notes to illustrate the work known as Keith's Bank Note Detector.

The selection of notes used for this purpose must be canceled in such a manner as will prevent any improper use of the same.

When completed you are authorized to print therefrom such impressions as

may

may be ordered by Messrs. Hoath
and Company.

The entire expense of this
work to be reimbursed the Govern-
ment by Messrs. Hoath & Co.

Very respectfully,

H. J. French

Assistant Secretary.

17th August 1891.

Mr. Letour Beauch
 Washington, D.C.
 Sir:

I reply to your communication of the 17th ultimo, requesting information as to the cost of engraving certain plates and printing therefrom; I beg leave to say that plates of the size you mention will cost as follows:
 Size, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches, \$50⁰⁰ each; $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches, \$35⁰⁰ each.

The cost of printing from the same will be as follows: For each 1000 impressions from the large plates, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $9\frac{3}{4}$ in. \$15⁰⁰; for each 1000 impressions from the small plates, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. \$6⁰⁰.

The entire cost for a edition of 5000 of the large size and 10,000 of the small size, based upon the above rates would be as follows.

For the large size:

Nine plates for denominations, size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$
at \$100⁰⁰ each \$1100

One plate for frontispiece, size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$ 50 \$500

For the small size:

Eight plates for denominations size $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$
at \$30⁰⁰ each \$280.

One plate for frontispiece, size $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ 35 315

For printing:

5,000 impressions from each of the 10 large plates
equals 50,000 impressions, at \$10⁰⁰ for 1000 700

10,000 impressions from each of the 9 small plates
equals 90,000 impressions at \$6⁰⁰ for 1000 540

Making the total cost of engraving and printing \$2100⁰⁰.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, &c.

James D. Smith
Chief Clerk

Approved:

Attest:
Acting Secretary

Reg 16- 550

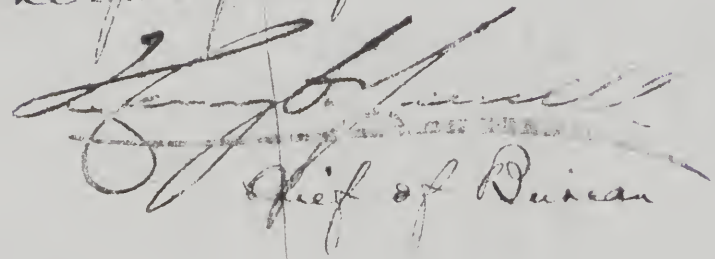
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11th August 6

Sir:

Your letter accepting terms of this
Quota for furnishing certain impressions
has been received, but it is without
date. I have to request that you
will please send an amended letter at
your early convenience.

Very respectfully


Chief of Bureau

Messrs. Latham & Co.,
No 30 Cannon Street
London

16th February, 6.

Hon. B. J. Conant,
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I transmit herewith copies of correspondence between Messrs. Laban Heath & Co. of Boston, and this Department respecting the printing of bank note and bond paper of that firm.

These copies have been requested by Messrs Heath and Ordway, who I learned called upon you for them some days since.

I am

Very respectfully,
Geo. H. McCallister
Chief of Bureau

12 Enclosures viz: Laban Heath's Letter dated Sept 2, 1866,

- " " " " " June 11, 1868.
 - " " " " " His letter dated Sept 19, 1868.
 - " " " " " Nov. 18, 1868.
 - " " " " " Feb. 23, 1869.
 - " " " " " Feb. 25, 1869.
 - " " " " " Feb. 26, 1869.
 - " " " " " March 1, 1869.
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 - " " " " " Feb. 27, 1869.
 - " " " " " Sept. 4, 1866.
 - " " " " " Jan. 15, 1867.
- Wm. Ordway &
George H. McCallister

20th July 76.

Hon. Lat M. Marshall,
Secretary of the Treasury:
Sir:

In reference to the petition to this Department of Mr. Laban Heath of Boston that authority be given this Bureau to print impressions of Government bonds, &c, from genuine plates for the purpose of illustrating certain publications entitled Heath's Bank Note and Land Detector, and to which I have already verbally called your attention, I beg to present for your information, as requested, the following facts in connection with the work heretofore done for Messrs. Heath & Co.

These publications are intended for the use of bankers, brokers, and others,

and contain full and accurate descriptions of all the Government issues, illustrated by impressions from genuine and counterfeit plates placed in juxtaposition. They are highly commended and their use, it is claimed enables one at a glance to distinguish a counterfeit.

An arrangement to print impressions of genuine plates, &c, was made with Messrs Heath & Co. on September 3, 1866, by Mr. Secretary McCulloch, and an order was given on the next day to this Bureau to commence the work. Subsequent orders were given covering the time from 1866 to 1871 when the work was discontinued.

In the act providing for deficiencies approved March 3, 1869 (Statute at Large, vol. 15, p. 312) there was a clause forbidding work to be done in this Bureau for private parties, and the work was suspended until the Department decided that the law was no longer in force.

The bank-note Companies of New York City, who then did almost the entire printing of the national currency, were authorized to and did print for Messrs. Heath & Co. impressions of national currency from genuine plates, which were prepared at their expense. On the transfer of the face plates for national currency from those companies in July, 1875, to this Bureau, the American Bank Note Company, without authority, canced the plates in their possession belonging to Messrs. Heath & Co. In order to secure uniformity in the various editions of their work, they also ~~cancel~~ the plates so destroyed to be reengraved, and offer to reimburse the Department for the same.

All the plates of securities, &c., prepared for these publications are so marked and mutilated that the Government is secured from loss by the improper use of the impressions therefrom.

In the absence of any law prohibiting the work, which will be at no cost to the Department that will not be reimbursed and as these publications are presumably for the public benefit, I can see no objection to the request of Messrs. Heath & Co. being granted.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, &c.

Jessie B. Howell
Chief of Bureau

Copy is dated 1881
this must be
1871
~~1881~~

25 Nov.

Hon. W. G. Odgers
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I am of the 24th inst. asking if more
impressions of some of the Counterfeit
plates can be furnished to Messrs. Laban
& Co. has been received.
In reply I beg to say that the original
letter from Laban & Co. dated
Nov. 22nd 80, directed to you, and
left with the Hon. Secretary of
the Treasury, calls for the following

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Nov. 22. 80, directed to you, and
left with the Hon. Secretary of
the Treasury, calls for the following

impressions:—

\$20. National Bank Note.	4.182
\$10. — " " "	3.447
\$10. — Legal Tender "	2.772
\$50. — " " "	3.272
Total	13.673

This Bureau was authorized to print that amount and no more. The plates of \$10. and \$50. Legal Tenders having been destroyed, you chose to replace them with the \$5. and \$10. Legal Tender plates, and the following amounts have been debited to Messrs. Libb, Smith & Co. viz:—

\$20. National Bank Note	4.321
\$10. — " " "	3.574
\$5. Legal Tender Note	2.910
\$100. — " " "	3.431
Total	14.226

51,553 Impressions above the amount
authorized by the Secretary, and
no further printing can be done
without his orders.

Very respectfully
Edw. Whittell
Chief of Bureau.

52 Bleeker St.

New York Feb 9th 1872.

Laban Heath Esq.

30 Hanover St

Boston Mass.

Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 4th inst. making inquiries as to the disposition of Counterfeit Plates recovered by the S. S. Division, I have to state that all Counterfeit Plates captured by myself and men acting under my instructions, are now in the safes of the S. Division of the U. S. Treasury at Washington.

I cannot, of course, premise what action the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury will take regarding your request. I am of opinion that when the matter is properly explained to him, he will consider it favorably, inasmuch as no possible harm could arise to the Govt., and the work is certainly valuable to the public at large, affording, as it does, an opportunity for the people to study and understand the various counterfeit issues, thereby aiding to prevent the circulation of counterfeit money, which I believe has been largely decreased by your labors.

Very Respectfully,

H. Whitley

Chief of S. S. Division
U. S. Treasury.

See over

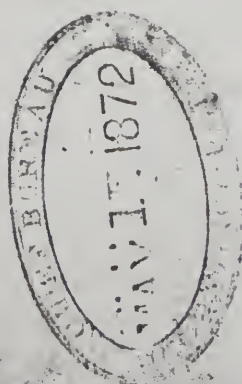
52 Bowker St
New York Feb 9th 1892

John Heath Esq.

30 Hanover St Boston Mass

In reply to yours of the 1st inst. making inquiries as to the disposition of counterfeit Plates recovered by the S. I. Division. I have to state that all counterfeit Plates captured by myself and the men acting under my instructions, are now in the safes of the S. I. Division of the Treasury at Washington. I cannot, of course, premise what action the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury will take, regarding your request. I am of opinion that when the matter is properly explained to him, he will consider it favorable, inasmuch as no possible harm could arise to the Govt and the work is certainly valuable to the public at large. It affords, as it does, an opportunity for the people to study and understand the various counterfeit issues, thereby aiding to prevent the circulation of counterfeit

There can be no objection
to giving out any risk
or danger to the Govt
when the public,
that I can imagine,
which should prevent
the granting of all
Heath's request.
C. B. B. B. B.
Secretary of the Treasury
Apr 20, 1892



Boston, March, 1872,
 Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell,
 Secy. of U. S. Treasury,
 Washington D.C.

The undersigned having examined the work published by the author, known as "Heath's Counterfeit Detector," and believing that this volume is eminently calculated to be of great service to the community, in the way of informing the public as to the character of both genuine and spurious notes of the United States, in detail - cordially commend said work to all Bankers, Merchants, and others; and ask that all convenient facilities may be given him, to enable Mr. Heath to continue the publication of this book, for the benefit of the business public. ~ 396

Charles S. Ball
 Secy. of the Association of Banks for the Suppression of Counterfeiting
 Pres. of Wash. Bank

Jam. A. Waller Pres. of Renne Bank

A. D. Hoodges Pres. of Wash. Bk

Wm. L. Lunt Pres. of Wash. Bk

Wm. L. Lunt Cashier of B.R. & Mutual Redempt.

Edw. Tyler Cashier of Suffolk

Wm. H. Rice

J. R. Collins

R. D. Bates Pres. of Bank of Lowell

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
August 14th - 1876

Mr. Henry C. Lowell,
Chief of Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to procure from the original dies now in your possession such plates as may be necessary to print specimens of United States and national Bank notes to illustrate the work known as Heath's Bank Note Detector.

The sections of notes used for this purpose must be cancelled in such a manner as will prevent any improper use of the same.

When completed you are authorized to transmit from such impressions as may be ordered by Messrs. Heath and Company.

The entire expense of this work to be reimbursed the Government by Messrs. Heath & Co.

Very respectfully,
W. F. French
Assistant Secretary.

Boston, Mass.

May 1873.

Hon. Wm A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully represent that in Eighteen Hundred & Sixty-five we obtained permission from the then Secretary of the Treasury, the Hon. Hugh McCulloch to use certain sections or devices upon the United States Circulating notes and transcripts from certain counterfeit plates which had been captured by the Secret Service Division, to be printed on thick plate paper and used to illustrate our work entitled Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector; ³⁵⁸ that we paid large sums of money to procure copies of these plates to bank note companies, and to the U.S. Treasury Dept; that in printing many of these devices and copies, which were printed at the Treasury Dept., they were injured and rendered useless by reason of having been printed with

improper ink and a want of care in drying in consequence of which great loss has been entailed upon us, and our business nearly broken up and ruined because we have been unable recently to procure from the Treasury Dept. copies of these counterfeit plates and other devices that are necessary to complete our sets to enable us to continue the publication of our work.

We have paid the Department some Fifteen Thousand Dollars for work done and the Department now has in its safes a large number of steel plates to print these impressions for which we have paid the Department several thousands of dollars, and which are worthless to us unless they can be used to finish up the copies that are necessary to complete the sets for our work.

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It has been suggested that a provision was put upon some appropriation bill last year enacting that no new private work should be done at the Printing Bureau; but we suggest in reply that the Secretary of the Treasury

having given orders to furnish us, (as his letter shows and which is now in your Office) these impressions upon lists to be filed by us, and that we have never received anything near the amount thus ordered of these counterfeit impressions which we mostly lack, which were suitable to be used in our work and therefore this could not be considered new work, but is simply supplying a deficiency in the contract for which the Government had received ample pay; yet had never furnished perfect plates to fill up the sets thus ordered.

We, therefore, respectfully request that you will direct the Chief of the Printing Bureau, who has been appointed since most of this work was performed to visit Boston and examine the large number of imperfect plates which we have at our store rooms, ³⁶⁰ No. Hanover Street, Boston, Mass., and if he finds the facts as above stated that you will authorize him to supply deficiencies to enable ~~us~~ to continue the

publication of this valuable work which was indorsed in writing by almost every Treasury official at the time of its first publication as well as by the then Chief of the Printing Bureau, the past and present Chief of the Secret Service Division, the Solicitor of the Treasury Dept. besides most of the bankers throughout the country.

Respectfully,

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Leban Hunt & Co

No. 30, Hanover Street,

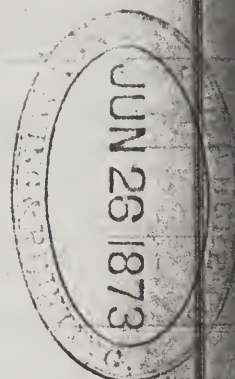
Boston, Mass.

No. 30 Canover St.,
Boston, Mass.,
July 30, 1873.

Hon. W^m A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.
Sir:

From the statements
made by the Committee designated by you
to examine the plates and devices printed
for us at the Treasury Department, and
for which we have paid from \$10,000 to \$15,000
cash, we infer that the gentlemen composing
that Committee will unanimously report
that we ought to have relief in some man-
ner for the large losses and total sus-
pension of our business in consequence ³⁶²
of the worthlessness of the plates re-
ferred to.

It therefore seems to us that in
order to give us immediate relief the



Department ought to print for us such plates and devices as are in its possession and allow the Bank Note Companies to continue the printing of such other devices as they have heretofore printed for us by order of your predecessor, - Hon. Hugh McCulloch.

We enclose herewith copy of Mr. McCulloch's letter to the Bank Note Companies, together with a copy of the recommendations or endorsements of prominent bankers, business men and Members of Congress, presented to Mr. McCulloch at the time he gave us the letter referred to.

We also enclose sheets cut from our work, with a memorandum upon each showing what we need in order to enable us to continue our business with the number of copies of each which we desire printed as soon as possible. It seems to us that we are clearly entitled to have these plates on the permission granted to us at the

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we incurred this large outlay in the preparation and publication of our work, and that supplying these deficiencies cannot be construed as printing or furnishing new work at the Department.

Very respectfully, yours,
Laban Heath & Co.

P.S. - In regard to the expense for supplying these deficiencies of course we shall be quite willing to have it offset towards the amount to which we should be justly entitled for the total loss and destruction by imperfect printing of the 6000 or 7000 pounds of plates which are now piled up in our office, and totally worthless. Our paper bill for these plates as will be shown by the books of Rice, Kendall & Co. amounted to nearly \$5000. The amount paid for printing them from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The expense of getting up the ³⁶³Prod. Book, including letter press, coin plates, which are at present also worthless has been \$4000 or \$5000 more, which will make the Department perfectly safe in proceeding immediately to supply the deficiencies.

Heath to Richardson July 30, 1873

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last line unreadable

~~is the last word deficiency.~~
to supply the deficiency as requested

L H + Co.

United States Senate Chamber,
 Lebanon N.H.
 Washington, July 26. 1873.

Hon. F. A. Sawyer,
 Asst. Secy. of the Treasury,
 Dear Sir:

Mem. of the Com.
 23^d inst. enclosing report for
 me to sign is recd. The report
 is just right, and I have signed
 the same, and herewith return
 it to you.

Truly yours
 A. H. Craigie

9.375

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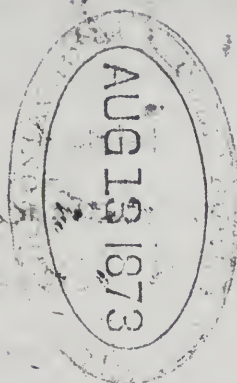
Encl

Boston, Mass

June 30. 73

Latham, Heath & Co

Ask relief on acc. of
 worthlessness of notes,
 and derive profits at
 Treasury Dept.



Congress
 1873
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The undersigned committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury July 2^d 1873 to examine a large number of impressions of counterfeit and genuine plates which were furnished by the Treasury Department in 1865 to Laban Heath and Company of Boston Massachusetts, and to recommend what action shall be taken in relation to such impressions as were imperfect, have the honor to report.

That on the 8th day of July 1873 they visited the rooms said Laban Heath & Co., in Boston and found the impressions in question, and on that and the two days succeeding they made the examination as required.

The impressions were from twenty two Plates and were assigned by these parties to be bound in books to be used by Banks, Brokers, and Merchants in detecting the counterfeits of United States notes, bonds, and currency, and the notes of National Banks. They represent that the value of the publication depended principally upon the perfect character of the impressions of each Plate, and that the general imperfection of the impressions of a single Plate would injure the work as to render its sale difficult if not possible.

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The committee examined packages taken at random from the impressions from each Plate, and in number sufficient to enable them to judge the general character of the work. The impressions from some plates were found almost without exception defective, the number of even fair ones being insignificant. Other sets of impressions were somewhat more uniformly better, though not good, and others were nearly all still better but imperfect. No

considerable portion of the work was free from blemish, and so great a portion was defective to a degree that would justify the parties in rejecting it altogether, as probably not a single respectable book could be made out of the whole number of impressions.

The principal defect appeared to have been caused by laying the sheets together before the ink was dry so that both the faces and backs were smirched and dirty, varying in degree according to the nature of the ink used. A few of the plates however made imperfect impressions.

The committee are unanimously of opinion that the character of the work would not justify binding and publication, and consequently was a total loss to Messrs Laban Heath & Co.

As the work was designed to detect counterfeits of issues now withdrawn, the supply of a new set of impressions would be of no value to the parties interested and the committee therefore recommend that a statement of the facts shall be made to Congress and authority be given by the Department to execute for Messrs Laban Heath & Co. impressions of the new issues to such extent as will equitably remunerate them for the loss sustained by the worthless character of the former work.

Respectfully submitted

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Wm. A. Lawrence

A. H. Corwin

J. B. Lamar

L. M. Patton

Committee

Washington D.C.
July 29th 1873

How W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury

msb.

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1872

12th Augt 73

Miss Laban Heath Esq.,
Boston, Mass.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 30th ult. in regard to plates and devices prepared for your use at the Department, I beg to refer you to the report of the Committee from the Department on the matter and to say that it is not deemed expedient to comply with your request until further legislation in the case can be had.

Respectfully,
W. A. Richardson
Secretary

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FROM
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Record Group No. 518

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Letter Received & Sent
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30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, April 28th 1871

To J. M. Curtiss Esq
 Chief of Engraving & Printing Bureau U. S. Treasury Department
 Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

Please inform us why the "U. S." in the oval on right end of back is lower than all others that we have examined - the "U." touches inner line of border, & the period after "S" touches the outer line of oval - in others we find the "U. S." about as thirty second of an inch above the inside line of the oval.

Also please inform us why the bill has such a peculiar appearance - it appears to be genuine, and still there is something that causes a doubt - we do not like to turn you with such matters, but shall be very thankful for any information on the subject.

Very truly Yours,
 Laban Heath & Co.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

WASHINGTON, D. C., 2d July, 1873

Hon. A. H. Cragin,
Lebanon, N. H.

Sir:

I have placed you on a committee with the honorable Messrs. F. A. Sawyer, J. R. West, J. B. Mann, and L. E. Walker to proceed to the premises of Messrs. Laban, Heath & Co., Boston, Mass., for the purpose of examining a large number of impressions of counterfeit and genuine work furnished Messrs. Laban, Heath & Co. by the Department, and which they paid for, to ascertain what number of these impressions are mutilated or in an imperfect condition.

You will please recommend what action the Department should take in case you find the work to be mutilated or imperfect, in view of the fact that Messrs. Laban, Heath & Co. paid the Department for the impressions as if they were in perfect order.

The Committee will meet at the office of Messrs. Laban, Heath & Co., 30, Hanover St., Boston, at 10 A. M., on the 8th instant.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm. A. Richardson,

Secretary.

Similar letters were written to Messrs. F. A. Sawyer, J. R. West, J. B. Mann, and L. E. Walker.

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30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, May 22d 1871

S. M. Cartee Esq
 of Engraving, Printing Bureau
 Army Department, Washington
 D. C.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt
 of 7500 Impressions of Counterfeit Notes, viz;

2500	—	\$100.	Old series Treasury Notes
1000	—	\$5.	do do do do
1000	—	\$20.	National Bank "
3000	—	\$10.	do do " unfinished plate

We shall be pleased to have you favor us with
 a brief history of each plate, also whether they are
 Steel, German Silver or Copper.

In printing these Impressions it will be necessary
 for us to have an equal number of each note
 excepting an odd number, which we will
 furnish you, to complete a previous order;
 for our smaller or Pocket Edition we require \$100.
 \$20. and \$10. National, with a margin of 1/8th inch
 on all sides; or you could vary the denomination
 and give us \$50. \$20. & \$10. or \$50. \$20. & \$5. providing
 the plates are good.

Very Respectfully,
 Laban Heath & Co.

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30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, May 22d. 1871

B. M. Carter Esq
Engraving, Printing Bureau
Department, Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir,

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of your Inspections of Counterfeit Notes, viz:

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30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, May 25. 1871

Mr. W. G. Oraway
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

The accompanying schedule will give Mr. McCutcheon the exact amount we require in order to complete five thousand sets of each, viz; the "Banking House" & "Pocket Editions";

Could you arrange with Mr. McCutcheon to print us 5000 Impressions of the new National currency viz. 50ct. - 25ct. - 15ct. and 10ct. - to be used in our Banking House Edition? or will it be necessary to wait until you get your resolution through?

I have referred to the letter from Albany N.Y. - hoping to see you here soon we remain

Very truly Yours
Laban Heath & Co.

[Faint handwritten notes on the left page, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]

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30 HANOVER STREET.

Boston, June 2, 1871

Gen. J. M. Caste (Carter Esq)
Chief Engraving & Printing Bureau
Treasury Department Washington D. C.
Dear Sir

Please
forward us (if possible) by return
Express 1000 Impressions of the \$20
Counterfeit Plate

Yours truly
Laban Heath & Co

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No	WHEN RECEIVED.	NAME OF WRITER.	DATE AND PURPORT OF LETTER.
2700	¹⁸⁶⁷ Feb. 25	Henry, James Kalamazoo	Feb. 17. Desires that a smart operative be sent to aid him.
2701	" 25	Hooker, H. M. Philadelphia	Feb. 24. Asks for an advance of \$50.
2707	" 27	Henry, Jas. Kalamazoo	Feb. 24. Relative to parties in Canandaigua, N.Y., & New Haven, Conn., in the chft. business.
2719	Mch. 1	do	Feb. 26. Encloses report of his assistant.
2720	" 1	Hildreth, Wm. Canandaigua	" 27. Saying they would commence arrests next Wednesday, & would like Chief of Sur. to be present.
2721	" 1	Harvey & Campbell Springfield, Ill.	Requesting the return of receipt for \$50.00 enclosed with application of J. F. Rittenhouse.
2726	" 2	Henry, Jas. Kalamazoo	Feb. 27. Encloses letter from A. Hall & J. Mitchell, & asks for advice.
2739	" 4	Hogan, C. V. New York	Feb. 18. Asks for authority to employ Geo. Nelson as an assistant.
2740	" 4	Hatch, A. D. New Bedford	Feb. 28. Encloses two chft. \$10 notes on Flow Leiby Nat. Bonds.
2766	" 6	Hildreth, Wm. Rochester	Mch. 6. Telegram. Saying, with permission, will postpone arrests until April 2nd.
2767	" 7	Heath, L. Boston	Mar. 1. Requesting specimens of chfts.
2787	" 11	Harvey, C. D. Springfield	Mch. 6. Relative to the claim of J. F. Rittenhouse.
2788	" 11	Hooker, H. M. Philadelphia	Mch. 10. Ackn. receipt of orders thro' Ovr. Sonn, & relative thereto.
2807	" 14	Hackett, A. M. Pittsburg	Mch. 12. Saying that large amounts of chft. 20s are in circulation near Cadiz, O.
2808	" 14	Henry, Jas. Kalamazoo	Mch. 9. Transmits Feb. a/c, & saying he should not continue his acct. longer in his employ.
2809	" 15	do	Mch. 9. Ackn. receipt of draft in full of his Feb. a/c.

1875.

8	194	Holdane	R. K.	English	July	21	Mr Brooks is working the case.
"	248	Horner	E. G.	Chief	"	24	Reg his claim of \$5.000 ⁰⁰
"	251	Holland	S. B.	"	"	24	Ack receipt of letter of 20 th inst.
"	303	Henderson	J. G.	Dresser	"	27	Encl vouchers for Ballard reward
"	311	Harris	J. J.	English	"	27	Declining to appoint.
"	451	Holdane	R. K.	"	Aug	5	Brooks has not investigated
9	104	Henry	Saml	"	"	12	Declining to appoint Harris.
"	127	Heichhold	A. P.	"	"	17	(Encl) Benson is at Waterford.
"	154	Hilt	S. F.	"	"	18	Ack receipt of letters.
"	171	Houk	L. C.	"	"	18	Asking for Dyer's letters.
"	199	Hamilton	E. C.	"	"	20	Declining to appoint.
"	279	Houk	L. C.	"	"	24	Orig letters of Dyer, received.
"	302	Holdane	R. K.	"	"	26	Reason why investigation suspended.
"	372	Heichhold	A. P.	"	Sept	2	(Encl) Benson can't come.
10	39	Hoffman	H. H.	"	"	11	" Have local officer work the case.
"	89	Hall	J. S.	"	"	14	" Sent man Saturday.
"	137	Hull	F. D.	Chief	"	21	" Come to Washington.
"	187	Hitchcock	A.	English	"	24	Reg White & Martin.
"	189	Harrison	Geo.	"	"	24	Declining to appoint.
"	197	Heichhold	A. P.	"	"	24	Ack the receipt of letters.
"	198	Holdane	R. K.	"	"	24	Brooks will continue on the case.
"	200	Hall	John	"	"	24	When does court meet?
"	208	Heath	L.	"	"	25	Declining to furnish gift money.
"	210	Howard	E. R.	"	"	25	Declining to appoint.
"	279	Hoffman	H. H.	Chief	"	29	Introducing Opr Perkins.
"	347	Horton	E.	English	Oct	2	Reg his letter to Geo. Cobb.
"	371	Herr	Wm H.	"	"	3	(Encl) Report to Brooks in Chicago.
"	429	Haines	Mr	"	"	6	Reg H. S. Ledyard.
11	175	Hays	Robt	"	"	13	Still rewarded for information.
"	76	Herald	N. Y.	"	"	13	Giving Personal for "Fly."
"	105	Haggard	N. S.	"	"	15	Declining to appoint Fullenover.
"	149	Hays	Robt	"	"	17	" " "
"	343	"	"	"	"	28	Reg rewards for information.
"	463	Hall	John	"	Nov	7	Reg Vincent's subpoena.
"	466	Hedrick	J. M.	Dresser	"	8	Encl offt \$30. Dugessole & Co.
12	80	Heichhold	A. P.	English	"	18	Reg Lowmerry case. Still send subpo.

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VOL. PAGE

TO WHOM WRITTEN.

BY WHOM WRITTEN.

DATE.

PURPORT OF LETTER.

1876.

19	90	Henry	E. E.	Fage	July 15	Recommendation.
,	178	Kull	J. D.	Chief	" 20	Let to A. B. King ^{Ind} Munn Case.
,	211	Harlow	S. B.	"	" 21	" \$750. Condron Money
,	222	Kills	G.	Fage	" 22	Declines to furnish Samples of
"	296	Hilt	Geo. F.	"	" 27	Let to new cases against him
,	330	Harlow	S. B.	"	" 29	Have forwarded the \$750. be- longing to E. J. Condron. Counterfeiter to his Attorney. H. P. Whitbeck
,	369	Kosford	J.	"	Aug 3	Let to E. J. Condron's Money
"	389	Koyne	J. W.	"	" 5	" " Dept of Justice Register
"	436	Hilt	Geo. F.	"	" 7	Advise Enck to talk with Valentino
"	461	Kosford	J.	"	" 8	Have instructions to pay the Money of Condron to Whitbeck
20	28	Kause	Leuben	Cowie	" 14	Enck Vouchers for a reward
"	29	Katry	Chas	Fage	"	" Declining to appoint
"	39	Hilt	Geo. F.	"	" 15	Informing him of Chief's absence
"	55	Henderson	John	Cowie	" 17	Enck Vouchers for a reward
"	97	Kause	Leuben	"	" 25	" Draft " " "
"	98	Henderson	John	"	"	" " " " " "
"	210	Kall	John	Fage	Sept 1	Let to photographs of two Italians of his arrested
,	303	Kearth	Labin	Chief	" 5	Let to and article for his new Book
"	358	Kardson	W. B.	Kodgo	" 8	" " Counterfeiting Matters
"	361	Kackney	W. B.	Fage	"	" Enck Reward Circular
21	10	Kuga	L. C. F.	"	" 17	Let to Samples of money
"	105	Karris	P. M.	"	" 24	" " Appt of E. C. Bennett
"	147	Kall	W. M.	Cowie	" 28	Enck Draft for Aug. 1876
"	260	"	"	Fage	Oct 8	Let Meet Benson at West Philadelphia Depot tonight
"	305	"	"	"	" 11	Let to reporting to H. B. Curtis as witness in Warner & Co. Cases
"	318	"	"	"	" 12	Will notify which Court to attend
"	374	"	"	"	" 14	Appear at Court at Pittsburgh
"	410	"	"	"	" 16	Come to Washington if practicable
"	458	Karst	H. P.	"	" 20	(Let) Return first train
22	12	Keberling	J. E.	"	" 24	Let to Employing E. W. Steadman

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Boston, May 25. 1871.

Hon. N. G. Ordrway
Washington

D. C. } Dear Sir

In reply to yours
of the 21st. we have to say we shall probably
require the following Impressions to keep our stock
up the next twelve months, viz;

3000 for Large Book } \$100. National Bank Note
5400 " Small do. }

5000 Large Book } \$20. National Bank Note
5000 Small do. }

3800 Large Book } \$10. National Bank Note
5800 Small do. }

3100 Large Book \$100. Treasury Note, "Greenback"

4600 Large Book \$5. Treasury Note, "Greenback"

Have the margin for the Large Book the same top
& bottom, with $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch margin all around for
the small book -

Very Respectfully

Laban Heath & Co.
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Washington

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In reply to yours
of the 21st. we have to say we shall probably
require the following Impresions to keep our stock
for the next twelve months, viz;

3000 for Large Book } \$100. National Bank Note
400 " Small do.

5000 Large Book } \$20. National Bank Note
5000 Small do

5000 Large Book } \$10. National Bank Note
5000 Small do

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Folded over
replaced

See treasury
copy for
completeness.

~~to be replaced~~ →
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